



Executive Secretary Report

Colonel James R. Riddle



Board Status

- Designated Federal Official
 - Ms. Ellen P. Embrey
- Board President
 - Dr. Stephen M. Ostroff, M.D.
- Current Membership
 - Seventeen Appointed Members
 - Five appointment decisions pending from 2002
 - Eight appointment decisions pending from 2003
 - Three Appointed Consultants



Member Status

- Expected Rotation
 - Three - 2rd Qtr FY 04
 - Dr. Alexander, Dr. Berg and Dr. Gardner
 - Three - 3rd Qtr FY 05
 - Dr. Ostroff, Dr. Herbold and Dr. Shanahan
 - One - 4th Qtr FY 05
 - Dr. Atkins
 - Three - 1st Qtr FY 06
 - Dr. Cline, Dr. Patrick and Dr. Forster



Charter and Budget Update

- Request for Budget Increase Approved by Dr. Winkenwerder
- Revised Charter Approved Reflecting Increased Budget
- Board Consensus to Increase from Three to Four Meetings Annually
- Proposed Schedule
 - Second Tuesday and Wednesday of Sep, Dec, Mar and Jun



Appointment Decisions Pending

- Pending from 2002
- Pending from 2003



Subcommittee Membership

- **Subcommittee on Infectious Disease Prevention and Control**
 - Dr. Stephen M. Ostroff, Chair
 - Dr. S. William Berg, Member
 - Dr. Pierce Gardner, Member
 - Dr. Barnett Cline, Member
 - Dr. Gregory C. Gray, Member
 - Dr. Gregory A. Poland, Member
 - Dr. John Glen Morris, Jr., Member
 - Dr. Jacqueline Cattani, Consultant



Subcommittee Membership

- **Subcommittee on Environmental and Occupational Health**
 - Dr. John Herbold, Chair
 - Dr. Dennis Shanahan, Member
 - Dr. Leon Malmud, Member
 - Dr. Grace Lemasters, Member
 - Dr. Tamara Lauder, Member
 - Dr. Shamoo, Ethics Consultant



Subcommittee Membership

- **Subcommittee on Health Promotion and Maintenance**
 - David Atkins, Chair
 - Dr. Linda Alexander, Member
 - Dr. Kevin Patrick, Member
 - Dr. Jean Forster, Member
 - Dr. Dan Blazer, Member
 - Dr. Julian Haywood, Consultant



FY 2004 Meeting Schedule

- Recurring Board Meetings
 - February – Air Force Special Operations Command
Fort Walton Beach, FL
 - May – Frederick, MD
 - September – TBD
- Public Health Advisory Board – DoD Deployment Health Centers
 - February 16, 2004 - Fort Walton Beach, FL
- Global Emerging Infections System Program Review
 - March 3 – 4, 2004 - Atlanta, GA
- AFEB Select Subcommittee – Smallpox Vaccine
 - Weekly teleconferences



FY 2003 Meeting Schedule

- Recurring Board Meetings
 - February – Albuquerque, NM
 - May – Frederick, MD
 - September – Groton, CT
- AFEB Select Subcommittee – Smallpox Vaccine
 - Chicago, IL; Weekly teleconferences
- AFEB Select Subcommittee – Pneumonia OIF
 - Weekly teleconferences
- AFEB Select Subcommittee – PAVE PAWS
 - Scheduled Teleconferences



FY 2004

Recommendations

- 03 - Sentinel Case Review
- 02 - Population Health Improvement Metrics
- 01 - Periodic Report - DoD Smallpox Vaccination Program Evaluation



FY 2003

Recommendations

- 16 Routine Periodic Physical Exams in the Armed Forces
- 15 Global Emerging Infections System Program Review
- 14 Centers for Deployment Health Public Health Advisory Board
- 13 Antimalarials and Current Practice in the Military
- 12 Primaquine Terminal Prophylaxis for Malaria
- 11 DoD Immunization Program for Biological Warfare Defense
- 10 Disposition of Irradiated Remains
- 09 QuantiFERON-TB's Application in the US Military



FY 2003

Recommendations

- 08 Review of the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant Protocol
- 07 SOW Review PAVE PAWS
- 06 Disposition of Contaminated Human Remains
- 05 Testing Interval for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV-1) Infection in Military Personnel
- 04 Screening for Sickle Cell Disease at Accession
- 03 Risk Assessment of Low-Level Phased Array Radio Frequency Energy Emissions
- 02 Draft Clinical Policy Guidance - Smallpox Vaccinations
- 01 Infectious Agents Transmitted by Transfusion of Blood Products



FY 2003 Reports

- PAVE PAWS Statement of Work for Public Health Evaluation Review
- PAVE PAWS Technical Proposal Evaluation Criteria Feedback
- PAVE PAWS Public Health Evaluation Proposal Review
- Periodic Report – DoD Smallpox Vaccination Program Evaluation
- Manuscript - *JAMA* 2003;289:3283-89



Current Question Before the Board

- Multiple Concurrent Immunizations and Safety Concerns
 - Consider the scientific evidence regarding receipt of multiple simultaneous vaccinations including combination vaccines, and whether there are potential combinations of vaccines that together might be cause for safety concern when administered to adults.



Current Question Before the Board

- Review of Medically Related Fatalities
 - Review current processes and results of forensic investigations conducted by the Office of the Armed Forces Medical Examiner.
 - Assess DoD's current medical surveillance capabilities focusing on early and complete assessment of medically related fatalities as sentinel medical events.



Discussion/Recommendations

- Remembrance of Deceased Members
 - Memorial scholarship fund in Dr Shope's honor
 - Eulogy on the Board's Internet Site
 - Separate area to recognize deceased members
 - Criteria



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- Assignment Rotation in March 2004
- Nominations Sought in Early December
- DFO and PM Consultants Considered Nominees in Early January
- Interviews and Consensus Recommendation Forwarded mid-January
- Selection Made Early February

Questions

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Armed Forces Epidemiological Board (AFEB)

The Armed Forces Epidemiological Board (AFEB) serves as a continuing scientific advisory body to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs and the military Surgeons General.

The AFEB provides timely scientific and professional advice concerning operational programs, policy development, and research needs for the prevention of disease and injury and the promotion of health.

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